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RETIRING SHERIFF IS HONORED

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county during his years of service here.

Judge Abbitt added to the resolution his own statement that Sheriff Stanley is a good example of the fact that the "finest gift a man can give to his community is a constructive, creative life."

Judge Abbitt said, further, that Len Stanley has never been selfish with his time . . . that he is a man who knows the value of time and how to use it. Said the judge, "He has solved that we can justly and properly be proud of him."

The sheriff's department presented Len Stanley with a rod and reel, and chairman of the board of supervisors, O. W. Martin, Jr., on behalf of the board, employees of the Commissioner of Revenue, employees of the judges' offices, clerk's office, treasurer's office and commonwealth's attorney's office, presented him with a tackle box.

Sheriff Stanley has endorsed the candidacy of Gene Richardson for the post of sheriff, subject to the November election.

Now that he has passed the retirement date, Len is planning to do two things: travel throughout the U. S. whenever the notion hits him and the rest of the time fish or loaf at home and enjoy his friends.

FATHER DARKLEAF

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Older brother: well do not spend it all on one thing . . . spread it out!" I try to do that in this column and hope something along the line pleases YOU.

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Letter To The Editor

Mr. W. Lloyd Vaughan
Editor & Publisher
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Dear Mr. Vaughan,

Your paper continues to be enjoyed by my family. You and your staff do a really great job of keeping us up with my home town area. We also enjoy Father Darkleaf. Thank him for his continued entertaining columns.

Sincerely,
Wm. S. "Bill" Moses

ROCKS

Farmers were delayed with their wheat cutting last week on account of rain.

Toby Inge was visiting Bill Bartlett at Beulah Cobbs Nursing Home at Pamplin recently one Saturday morning.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Bessie Baker at Spring Creek Church last Tuesday afternoon. Sympathy is extended the family.

Joe Almond was rushed to Lynchburg General Hospital Wednesday with a kidney stone attack.

The Home Demonstration Club had its July meeting with Mary Edith Morris Thursday night.

Amy Morris has the chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ratliff were at Fort Lee last Thursday.

A number of the ladies were canning snaps at the cannery Thursday.

Friends are glad to hear Mrs. Bettie Ranson returned to her home Friday much improved in health.

Joe Almond returned home Thursday afternoon after receiving treatment. A speedy recovery is wished him.

The ladies were picking berries last week.

Sympathy is extended the G.P. Jennings family at Hebron in their recent bereavement.

Exec. Com. of the Appomattox Association will meet at Reedy Springs Church tonight.

Mrs. Claudie Ranson spent the week end at her home here.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Jr. and boys from Lynchburg to our community.

FARM CREDIT BILL GOES BEFORE CONGRESS

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The bill — the Farm Credit Act of 1971 — was introduced in Congress in April by Sen. Herman Talmadge of Georgia, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and in the House by Rep. John L. McMillian of South Carolina, vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. They have been joined by many Senators and Congressmen as co-sponsors of the bill. Hearings on the bill began on May 17, 1971.

Passage of the bill, Glenn said, would also enable Production Credit Associations to provide short and intermediate term credit for repairs, maintenance an improvement of these non-farm rural homes.

"With these new authorities, the Farm Credit System will make a new and needed contribution to the development of rural America."

Another of the bill's important provisions is the elimination of the present Federal Land Bank lending limit of 65% of a farm's normal value, thus the effect of the limitation is to prohibit Federal Land Banks from lending little more than 50% of a farm's market value.

Removal of the restriction now in Federal law would place more of the new loan making responsibility on the Federal Land Banks and affiliated local Associations, would permit more flexibility in their mortgage lending to farmers and could be especially important to young farmers striving to acquire an economic farm unit.

Pastor Speaks

'The Bell Is Cracking'

America's Liberty Bell was cracked in July, 1835, while it was tolling its mournful dirge for the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall. The original bell was cast by Thomas Lister in London, and it bore an inscription from Leviticus 25:10 which read, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

On this, the 195th celebration of the Declaration of Independence, there is still a crack in the Liberty Bell, and additional cracks are appearing in American life. There is a torrent of discontent, license, anc anarchy. On the other hand, there is a flood of resentment, retreat, and a great loss of confidence.

I sound these words not to join the increasing ranks of those who seem to be mourning the future fate of our nation, but I do want to point out some of the fallacies in our thinking today that cause the cracks to widen still more.

Most Americans agree that there are many things wrong with our country, but all of us would affirm gratitude for the many things that are right. Some say we need to work harder. Some say there needs to be more liberty. Some say there must be a resurgence of moral values. Others say we need to cease our material - mindedness. Some say we need more education. Others assert with equal force that we need additional jobs. There are voices that say we need to understand each other and to listen more effectively. Most of us would agree that there is truth in each of these demands.

The problem is, however, that most Americans try to satisfy these desires without depending upon God. We try to work harder without having God in the picture. We can try to produce more jobs in our own strength. We can try to be more moral by ceasing to be dishonest or by censoring certain literature. These are all only human efforts whose results unfortunately don't last too long.

Fundamentally, each of these problems mentioned above can be solved if man is right with God. Men whose hearts have been changed by an encounter with the living God will be industrious enough to work hard and love deeply. Men whose seared consciences have been cleansed by the forgiving balm of an almighty father will truly love their enemies and eschew all evil. Men who have come to understand anew the patience of God with them will be patient enough to listen to fretful people and to help dependent people pile and to help dependent people. Our human efforts cannot be right with God. Our deepest need is to experience the love and forgiveness of God in order to have our lives changed. Human effort is good, but no amount of human effort is going to change mankind enough to patch wayward human nature together, it's like trying to patch up a wrecked car with Elmer's glue.

There is a crack in the bell of liberty in our nation. It is widening, but there is also an open arm extended to us by God. Meeting, knowing, and serving him through Jesus Christ can change us enough to close the crack in our nation.

Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THE PROBLEM WITH GOOD MEN

Lesson for July 11, 1971

Background Scripture: Deuteronomy 17; 14-20; Judges 9; 8-15; Mark 12:13-17; Romans 13; 1-7; Timothy 2: 1-6.
Devotional Reading: Romans 12: 1-13.

Reinhold Niebuhr, the great American theologian, once noted that "not much evil is done by evil men." To the contrary, "most of the evil is done by good people who do not know that they are not good." Along this same line he concluded that the First World War had been "made inevitable not by bad people who plotted against the peace of the world but by good people who had given over their conscience into the keeping of their various political groups."

The Problem With 'Fatness'

Niebuhr was commenting on the tragic tendency of Christians to "leave politics" to others. Many of the failures of our society are attributed to a failure of Christian citizenship. All too often we have been content to live our complacent lives quite indifferent to rendering any more to "Caesar" than we have had to.

This is the meaning of the parable which Jotham tells in Judges 9:8-15. The occasion of the parable is a crisis in the life of the Hebrew confederacy. Gideon, the great man of God, is dead. One of his descendants, Abimelech, an evil man, has successfully plotted the deaths of almost all Gideon's other descendents. Ruthlessly, he seizes power for his own selfish aims.

Jotham, one of the few of Gideon's other descendents who escapes, tries to rally the good but indifferent men of Shechem. Abimelech's tyranny is possible, he realizes, so long as the men of Schechem fail to respond to his challenge. So he tells them a story of how one time the trees sought a king. Going first to the noble olive tree, they ask: "Reign over us" (Judges 9:8), but the olive tree responds: "Shall I leave my fatness by which gods and men are honored, and go and sway over the trees?"

Unfortunately, the olive tree loved its prosperous existance and did not want to be distorted in the sake of exercising responsibility. The same was also true of the fig tree and the vine. Thus, because the capable trees refused to rule, the trees in desperation turned to one who was willing to rule, but at least willing: "Then all the trees said to the bramble, "Come you, and reign over us!" (9:14). One of the least capable tree of all became the ruler.

Tyranny Doesn't 'Just Happen'

One of the things that the parable shows is that poor government, corruption, and even tyranny "just happen" to us. We find ourselves ruled by evil men, very often, not because they have waged a campaign against us, but because we have actively (not passively) allowed them to fill the vacuum of leadership in our communities and nations. In the parable, the bramble bush did not seek to become ruler, the trees turned to him because the capable trees could not be bothered with the responsibility.

The problem with good men, all too often, is that they sit back and leave the world to those who are not good.

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Tips From Zorn

Have a question about the United States Army? If you have, Sergeant Bill Zorn can supply the answer — either personally or in this column. Direct your questions to SSG Bill Zorn, U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Post Office, Lynchburg, Va. Telephone questions will also be accepted; his number is 845-7241.

Q — How many men are there in the Army?

A — Army strength on April 30 was 1,163,338 men according to a Department of Defense news release. The troop level two years ago was 1,514,412. Figures represent Regular Army and Reserve personnel on continuous active duty, officer candidates and cadets at West Point.

Q — In February I asked a question about enlistees getting their choice of assignments and was told that that applied only to a certain unit stationed in Germany. Recently published classified ads indicate that an enlistee can choose an assignment in Europe, but I'm from Missouri and I'll believe it when I see it. What's the story?

A — Or Missouri. Assignments are made available to enlistees who have qualified for the assignment for which they have enlisted. Normally, however, the enlistee must first serve seven months in the United States and be graduated from basic training and advanced individual training before he is assigned to a unit overseas. There are, however, exceptions to this rule. Assignments to Europe, Alaska, Korea and to Hawaii are made on a voluntary basis.

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...ittee composed of ..., John W. West and ... Flood, appointed ...host plus Henry F. ... Samuel D. McDear... ...ted secretaries, had ...least for the day. ...12 achievements ...of the United States ...the principles of '76" ...eroic army in Mex... ...as now, the U. S. ...in conflict. ...of "volunteer toasts ...r Dr. Joel W. Flood, ...the Day, who praised ...en off fighting the ...ar. Also, Col John ...spoke in favor of the ...Democratic Administ... ...Thomas H. Flood ...eral Zachary Tay... ...other man has de... ...character so much ...of the father of our ...

...Walker also praised ...of General Taylor. ...tt Abbitt also spoke, ...W. West, Maj. Sam... ...er and Maj. Thomas ...called on Generals ...Taylor and their ...to make speedy ...Mexicans." ...LeGrand spoke of ...the "mother of ...statesmen" and Hen... ...cock called R.M.T. ...fearless advocate of ...of the people.' Hun... ...ning for a seat in ...soon to be vacated ...butcher. ...e of the toasts con... ...to the Mexican War ...Samuel D. McDearmon ...Flood, of Missouri ...Maj. James H. Ham... ...a Republican pre... ...tory in 1848. Lewis ...for free trade ...m. D. Christian, ...t Boaz and Thomas ...continuing with ...the U. S. and free...

...Mathews E. Cheatham ...Constitution of the ...John R. McDearmon ...for the Presidency ...a "statesman and ...rrior president." A. ...spoke out for Vir...ginia and A. A. LeGrand for "Our Republican Institution." Willis Inge praised the work of George Washington and William Trent called for a spirit of "Thanksgiving to Him from whose bountiful hand have flowed all the blessings that have fallen upon our nation."

E. H. Cheatham returned to praise for Generals Scott and Taylor, William D. Mathews praised Capt. Benjamin Walton Walker, of the Texas Rangers.

There was more praise for Virginia by John W. Stratton and a hope for peace by Dr. James Nowling. John H. Plunkett sent in his toast calling for a democrat to fill the presidential chair and Spottswood S. Stewart hoped for "Success ... in Mexico."

Robert H. Cox praised Gen. Zachary Taylor and Thomas Trent, "The American Eagle." S. J. Jeffries returned to words of praise for Gens. Scott and Taylor while Sterling C. Anderson praised ' Our Captain, B. H. Nowlin ... worthy the confidence of his men."

J. W. LeGrand praised "Women, the last best gift of God to man." John Sweeney returned to a patriotic theme as did John. H. Sears, Thomas P. Wright spoke of "Barthelm Cyrus: The only Revolutionary soldier with us today." Then Cyrus, himself, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and Richard went to Charlottesville today to take Rhonda Trent home. They were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carson had their grandchildren last week for a visit.

We wish to extend sympathy to the Jennings family in the loss of their father. He will be greatly missed by church and community friends. A good Christian man has gone to rest.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell Sunday.

Mr. Wilson Garrett is in Va. Baptist Hospital.

OAKVILLE

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Parks Jennings. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Marshall, Kathy and Doug have returned home from their vacation at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Also Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris and family. They said the weather was fine and they had a wonderful time.

We had a wonderful sermon by our new pastor, Rev. Jonnie Elliott, Sunday. We welcome them to Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burcher, of Howardsville, visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher, Saturday.

Glad to hear Mr. Charlie Martin of Appomattox, is better. He has been in the hospital for treatment.

Mr. Leslie Martin is home from the hospital and is doing fine after his operation.

STONEWALL

"And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him" Matt. 8:7.

Mrs. I.B. Wheeler came home from Va. Baptist Hospital Sat. after a thirteen day stay improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kaeding Denise and Mark from Thawville, Illinois arrived Sat. for a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler.

Those visiting the Wheelers last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. N.H. Elliott, Mrs. Elsie Krantz, Richard and Connie, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Louise, David, and Linda, Mrs. Leslie Burnett and Aubrey and Mr. Jack Caldwell.

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Appomattox Assembly Meets July 14

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a helpful sermon on the subject "Set Free to Serve". All present enjoyed the message. The offering for the day was very good. The auxiliary rally was very good. The following auxiliaries reported the following amounts: Ladies Club $100; Men's Club $100; Sunday School, $100; Usher Board, $100; The Junior Choir, $25; and the Willing Workers, $10. A total of $435 was reported. The pastor thanked each auxiliary for its contribution to the church.

The youth program presented by the youth of the church was enjoyed by all who attended. The Rev. C. C. Murray, pastor of the First Baptist Church was the guest speaker. Music was rendered by the Galilee Junior Choir, Miss Brenda Stevens served as mistress of ceremony. The scripture was read by Mrs. Glenda Gafford and prayer was offered by Mr. Raymond Fleshman. The welcome was given by Miss Herma Fleshman, Mrs. T. W. Hamlet responded to the welcome. The offering was lifted by Deacons Hobot and John Watson.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Mr. John H. Lewis, of Baltimore, is spending some time here as the guest of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lawing.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Turner and family, of Philadelphia, spent the holiday here as the guest of his parents and Mrs. Turner's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Turner and son, of Halifax, spent the holiday here as the guest of his parents, Deacon and Mrs. Bernt Turner.

Members and friends are asked to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Appomattox Assembly Wednesday evening, July 14 at 8 p.m. Business of importance will be discussed. This is a very important meeting. Please arrange to attend.

CONFEDERATE SEAL USED FOR 1st TIME ON LITERARY AWARDS

The Great Seal of the Confederacy, which was never used during the Civil War, appeared on an official document for the first time Thursday night (June 3) as the Confederate Memorial Literary Society presented its first annual literary awards to three prominent historians. The presentations were made at the Society's annual Jefferson-Davis birthday reception for members and guests at the White House of the Confederacy.

The Founders Award for the best historical documentary work of the year was given to Warren Ripley, a South Carolina Journalist, for his book ARTILLERY & AMMUNITION OF THE CIVIL WAR.

The Jefferson Davis Award was presented to Dr. Frank E. Vandiver, provost of Rice University, for his work Their Tattered Flags.

The Annual Award of Merit for an outstanding article dealing with Confederate history was presented to William J. Cooper, Jr., professor in the department of history at Louisiana State University.

Troop 322 Awards Badges

Front row: Donna Netherland, Arlene Ferguson, Freda Martin, Shelly Davidson, Laura Shorter, Brenda Thompson. Behind them; Teresa Elliott, Teresa Cyrus, Denise Netherland, Wanda Mosely, Rosa Abbitt, Cindy Morris, Bridget Watts. Leaders are Margaret Thompson and Jeannette Driskard.

Overflow Holiday Crowd

THE PARKING LOT overflowed at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park on July 4. Over 3,700 visitors toured the historic village during Independence Day week end.

Recruiter To Gain New Assistants

The United States Army Recruiting Command's radio and television advertising test which began March 1st is built around a new theme, "Today's Army wants to Join You."

Behind the new theme is the idea that today's Army listens better, pays better, and displays a willingness to adjust itself to the lifestyle of today's prospective recruits - well-qualified, well-motivated young Americans.

Still another phase of the Army's campaign was unveiled this week with the announcement of a new program called the Hometown Recruiter Assistant Plan. The plan will team up two soldiers, fresh out of advanced individual training, with the veteran Army recruiters assigned to their home towns.

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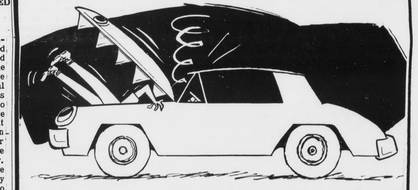

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